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OBSERVATION REPORT #24

KPMG Consulting received late Error Messages (ERRs) on Non-Flow-Through POTS orders with less than six lines.

Issue

According to the Order Confirmation Timeliness metric (OR-2-04), for all Non-Flow-Through POTS orders with less than six lines, CLECs should receive 95% of ERRs within 24 hours of order submission.

As of July 24, 2001, KPMG Consulting received 128 ERRs on Non-Flow-Through POTS orders with less than six lines, with 89.1% arriving within 24 hours. Exhibit 1 depicts the distribution of ERRs by receipt time and Exhibit 2 provides specific examples of late ERRs.

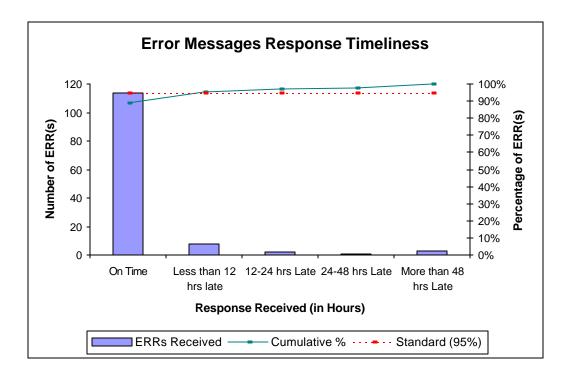


Exhibit 1: Distribution of Error Messages

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¹ Virginia Carrier-to-Carrier Guidelines Performance Standards and Reports, dated August 11, 2000.

Exhibit 2: Examples of Purchase Order Numbers (PONs) that exceed OR-2-04 Standard

| Item | PON & VER | LSR Sent | ERR Received | ERR Response Time (hours) ² | Exceeded C2C Guidelines by (hours) |
|------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---|--|
| 1 | 002071TE0X000004 *AB | 05/22/01 11:00:21 | 05/23/01 04:04 PM | 29.075 | 5.075 |
| 2 | 002071TE0X010001 *AA | 05/15/01 13:57:26 | 05/16/01 05:03 PM | 27.095 | 3.095 |
| 3 | 006021TE0X000001 *AA | 05/10/01 15:53:00 | 05/15/01 09:42 AM | 51.830 | 27.83 |
| 4 | 011031TE0X000001 *AA | 05/14/01 15:50:00 | 05/16/01 08:33 AM | 40.731 | 16.731 |
| 5 | 013041TE0X020002 *BA | 05/10/01 16:51:23 | 05/11/01 04:53 PM | 24.040 | 0.040 |
| 6 | 013999TE0X010001 *AA | 05/11/01 11:09:01 | 05/15/01 07:31 AM | 30.383 | 6.383 |
| 7 | 019021TE0X000003 *AA | 05/10/01 15:44:03 | 05/23/01 08:12 AM | 180.467 | 156.467 |
| 8 | 019021TE0X010004 *AA | 05/11/01 11:32:21 | 05/15/01 07:41 AM | 30.148 | 6.148 |
| 9 | 020021TE0X000001 *AA | 05/11/01 12:02:03 | 05/15/01 01:28 PM | 35.445 | 11.445 |
| 10 | 056011TE0X000001 *AB | 05/23/01 18:03:13 | 05/25/01 08:53 AM | 38.839 | 14.839 |
| 11 | 079021TE0X000002 *AC | 05/29/01 18:21:27 | 06/12/01 02:12 PM | 207.843 | 183.843 |
| 12 | 079021TE0X000003 *AB | 05/29/01 18:23:45 | 06/04/01 05:15 PM | 80.861 | 56.861 |
| 13 | 080011TE0X000003 *AC | 05/31/01 13:21:35 | 06/01/01 02:34 PM | 25.215 | 1.215 |
| 14 | 081011TE0X020002 *AA | 05/17/01 15:35:36 | 05/18/01 03:35 PM | 24.003 | 0.003 |

Assessment

CLECs require timely receipt of error messages in order to serve their customers effectively.

 2 Service Order Processor (SOP) downtime was considered in calculating response timeliness.

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